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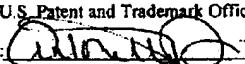
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Serial No.:	10/520,330	Group Art Unit:	1657
Filed:	January 5, 2005	Docket No.:	10873.1598USWO
Title:	METHOD FOR TESTING PERITONEAL FUNCTION		

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):**

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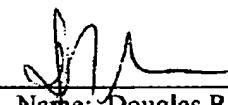
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3rd-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 21, 2006, said period of response being extended from June 21, 2006 to October 21, 2006.

Please charge deposit account no. 50-3478 in the amount of \$570.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Please note that a 2 month time extension was previously granted for this matter and the petition fee of \$450 was paid.

Respectfully submitted,

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